

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 165

January 28, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes community schools and communities of schools to establish programs and combine multiple funding sources to make professional counseling services available to incarcerated individuals within the state.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – For community schools which require additional funding to provide counseling services for incarcerated individuals, a permissive increase in local expenditures may occur; however, the extent and timing of such increase, if any, cannot reasonably be determined.

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-2403, community schools are authorized to provide mental health prevention and treatment services to students and community residents.
- Based on a report issued by the Comptroller of the Treasury in October 2018, community schools often combine local funding, state Basic Education Program (BEP) funds, and federal dollars to cover the cost of implementing the community school model. Donations and financial contributions from community partners may also be provided.
- The proposed legislation provides community schools the option to provide professional counseling services to incarcerated individuals within the state.
- No change to the BEP formula.
- Community schools that choose to expand community services may fund the new services by utilizing funding which is currently available that would have been utilized for other services under current law; in such instances, the fiscal impact is considered not significant.
- For community schools which require additional funding to cover the costs of the new service, it is assumed such funds will be provided either through available federal funding, private sources, or local funds, as the BEP formula is not changed by the proposed legislation.
- Due to multiple unknown factors such as the number of community schools, that may expand services, the timing of such expansion, and the amount of any additional local funding that will be required, a precise permissive increase in local expenditures cannot be reasonably determined.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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